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In the Application of:  
Mark DE BOER et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: A.M. Decloux

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
OF TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE  
DISEASES USING A MONOCLONAL  
ANTIBODY TO THE INTERLEUKIN-12  
BETA 2 CHAIN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002, Applicants hereby  
petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the period for response to July  
14, 2002. Please charge the fee of \$460.00 to our deposit account 20-0087.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: July 12, 2002.

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